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U. S. Department of Agriculture Library

News Letter

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January 31, 1923.

The Department Library has just received news of the death of Miss Marie Pulling, who was a cataloguer here from June 1921 to April 1922, when she resigned on account of her health. She has since been in a sanitarium for tuberculosis in her home state in Wisconsin, and was thought to be improving.

Miss Brandes, who has been in the library for several years, recently in the Periodical Division, was called home recently by the death of her father, and feeling that she must remain at home for the present, has resigned her position.

Miss Esther C. Roder, who is assistant at the Loan Desk, has recently become Mrs. Paul Sullivan.

A recent appointee to the library is Miss Ruth Kerr, a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, who has held positions in the Dartmouth college library, Mount Holyoke College Library, and comes directly to us from the Naval War College Library at Newport.

A new assistant who is expected tomorrow is Miss Margie Potter, transferred from the Veterans' Bureau.

Miss Eleanor Moody, who was here as a temporary assistant, has gone to a permanent position in the Department of labor library.

Miss Severance of the Bureau of Animal Industry Library has been working temporarily in the catalogue division, and our Miss Williamson has been taking her place in the Bureau of Animal Industry Library. This arrangement has, however, been interrupted for the last week by Miss Williamson's illness.

Various members of the library staff have been or are suffering from attacks of the all too prevalent grip.

The space in the basement formerly occupied by the Motion Picture Laboratory has been definitely assigned to the Library. The Laboratory has just moved to its new building on C Street, S. W., between 13th and 14th, and we may move in as soon as necessary repairs have been made, and shelving provided. Changes are to be made upstairs to permit of more room for reading and office space, and from this source and others a certain amount of metal shelving will be available for the basement. The additional shelving is to be wooden, made in the Department shops. The metal shelving is so much more expensive, and the library's appropriation so small that it was felt inadvisable to use as much as would be necessary to supply metal shelving. We hope also that the library will sometime have more permanent and suitable quarters in which good shelving may be installed.

Examinations for library assistant and library aid will be held by the Civil Service Commission on February 7th and 8th.

A letter has recently been received by the Secretary from the editor of the Christian Science Monitor which says in part "For nearly a year the editor... has been planning a series of articles on the opportunities offered to the American people by the public and semi-public libraries of the United States. A preliminary series dealt with a few English libraries...The first of these articles will describe the Library of Congress. Before leaving the national capital it is our desire to show, however briefly, the resources offered to students of government affairs by the libraries of the executive departments." Information is requested regarding the libraries of this Department, and Miss Barnett in cooperation with the bureau librarians is sending material for such an article.

Recent important accessions to the library are the last volume of Beebe's Monograph of the pheasants and the first volume of Phillips' Natural history of the ducks, costing \$62.50 and \$50 respectively and both containing beautiful plates.

The States Relations Service, Illustration Section, has recently issued a multigraphed "Selected list of references on the preparation and use of illustrations" prepared under the direction of the director by the librarian, Miss Martha L. Gericke. This formed the bibliographical report of the director, submitted at the annual convention of the Association of land grant colleges, in November 1922.

The Library has been presented with a collection of about 25 volumes of manuscript data on peonies collected by the late James R. Mann, Member of Congress from Illinois, which interesting material was presented by Mrs. Mann.

In the next number of the Proceedings of the Entomological Society of Washington there will appear a paper by Mr. J. S. Wade of the Bureau of Entomology on "Entomological publications of the U. S. Government". This is quite an extensive article and will be very useful to all entomologists.

The Library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics is moving into its new room No.308, for which it has waited so long. Miss Jacobs, Miss Reinke, Miss Olcott and Mrs. Dunton will have desks there and in about a week's time will be glad to extend the hospitality of their new home to any visitors.

On January 16th, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library issued the first number of the Library Supplement to the B. A. E. News. The Library has felt the need for some time of a medium of communication with Bureau workers, which would reach them all, and which would be more comprehensive than the Library page in the B. A. E. News. The Library supplement is designed to meet this need. In future numbers it is planned to describe the resources of the library, and to publish short lists of books and periodicals on special subjects. Attention will be called to accessions of special interest, whether books or periodicals and some brief reviews will be given. The first number has been well received and the Library hopes that subsequent issues may be

still more useful.

Miss Jacobs and Mrs. Dunton have each had to be absent several days on account of illness in their homes. We are glad to be able to report that so far only one member of the B. A. E. Library staff has had to be absent on account of grip.

The Bureau of Plant Industry reports the usual tale of vacations and illnesses since last staff meeting. We are rejoicing to have Miss Sherman back after two weeks' absence, minus her tonsils, but otherwise "all there". The latest on our invalid list is Cornelius Pomeroy, our senior messenger, who has been out ten days with grippe, but is expected back tomorrow. Disaster threatened on Monday morning last, when John Mohr, our other messenger, failed to appear, but fortunately his indisposition was not serious enough to prevent his coming down in the afternoon and valiantly performing double duty.

Miss Atwood went to be with relatives in New Jersey, and Miss Pendleton home to Spartanburg, South Carolina, for Christmas. Miss Warner spent the holidays in Florida with her parents, returning January 2d. Mrs. Berith Parsons Greene resigned on December 5th, after two years with the Bureau of Plant Industry Library, and has now gone to housekeeping in her own apartment, just across the street from Miss Atwood's on Euclid street. We are expecting a new assistant in a few days, Miss Esther M. Colvin, who comes from the library of the University of Illinois. She will be assigned at first to the Catalog Division of the Main Library, until the Bureau library has undergone some further readjustments in its work and space.

The further cooperation and consolidation of our work with that of the Main Library, which have been considered and hoped for more than a year, now seem possible in the near future, since Miss Barnett will soon have possession of the space formerly used by the Motion Picture Laboratory. She offers hospitality for part of our work, although it is impossible to say at present just how or where it is to be located. Doubtless the problems of moving and relocation will be dished up in staff letters for months to come, so I spare you our present speculations in this direction.

If our Assistant Librarian^{Miss Barnett} should suddenly disappear in the near future, let no one suspect foul play, but hasten to the basement stacks. She has doubtless been shut up in one of the volumes of the Deutsche Landwirtschaftliche Presse, which she has been assiduously searching for the last few weeks.

*Prepared by
Miss Trotter*

Plant Industry Library Notes

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Jan. 31, 1923

M. F. Warner

U. S. Department of Agriculture Library

News Letter

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Mr. Cowles, who has been in the Department Library for several years, first in the Periodical Division and later in charge of the binding, has resigned to go to the Henry Huntington Library at San Gabriel, California, as cataloguer. He will probably begin work there tomorrow. Miss Hopper is now taking charge of the binding.

Miss Amanda Mayo who has been working in the Periodical Division for the last few months, unexpectedly resigned last Friday, with the announcement that she was to be married on Monday. Her fiancé was leaving the city suddenly and refused to go without her.

New temporary assistants in the Department Library are Miss Florence King, who has been taking training at the Public Library and is assisting at the current periodical desk, and Mr. Edmond Bemis, who is helping with the binding.

The list of serials currently received in the Department Library, which has been promised for so long, has just been published. It is Department Circular 187 - rather a large circular as it has 358 pages. The Library has the supply of it and requests should be made to Miss Barnett through Miss Smith. Miss Barnett is anxious that the distribution should be made wisely and without waste. The circular is in four parts - Part 1, List of Periodicals, alphabetically arranged; Part 2, List of Serials, alphabetically arranged; Part 3, Subject List; Part 4, Geographical list. The last two include both periodicals and other serials in one arrangement. United States publications are not included in the geographical list, but the subject list contains a list of the agricultural periodicals arranged by states. The data is now over a year old, but we hope it will still be useful.

The Moving Picture Laboratory is now entirely moved out of the basement of the Bieber Building and carpenters are at work making the space over for the Library. The partitions have been taken out so that we have a good open space for shelving, but there is a great deal to do before it will be ready for us. It may be stated for the reassurance of those above that the partitions have nothing to do with the support of the building, which depends on the concrete pillars.

The Library class has begun its second semester with an enrollment of 16, about the same as last term, new members having taken the place of several who dropped out, either on account of leaving the Library or for other reasons. The course this term is in reference work and bibliography.

Mr. James Boyd of Philadelphia, President of the Pennsylvania State Horticultural Society, has been visiting the Department Library during the last few days, getting points for the arrangement of the library of the Society, which is being reorganized. The Society is said to be the oldest horticultural society in the country. It is moving into new quarters and is intending to develop its library.

Miss Marie Pidgeon, formerly of the Bureau of Plant Industry library and later of the Office of Exhibits, who went to the Brazilian Exposition last fall, has recently returned and is to be in the Office of Exhibits probably until the 15th of March.

Soon after the last Staff meeting, the Agricultural Economics library celebrated the first staff luncheon in the new Catalog Room with a birthday cake and candle. At the staff luncheon this week Miss Dewees gave a very helpful description of the work of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research. She described the various sections of the work and showed the relation of one to the other. She also outlined the plans of the Division for the publication annually of sixteen or more commodity bulletins which will give the statistics of each commodity as early as possible after the close of the crop year. For instance, one bulletin will be devoted to wheat, and as the wheat crop year closes early in the summer, the effort will be made to issue the bulletin by September. The publication of these bulletins will be scattered throughout the year and they will eventually take the place of the statistical part of the Yearbook.

The Agricultural Economics library has been very fortunate in having Miss Sacks as a temporary assistant for the past few weeks, making it possible for Miss Sutton to begin her long-planned house cleaning in the Periodical Room.

Miss Reinke of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics library has been called home on account of her mother's illness.

The second Library supplement to the B.A.E. News came out February 15th. In this issue there is a Reading List on general economics which is arranged in three groups: 1. For the reader who has not read a great deal of economics...; 2. For the more advanced reader...; 3. For the student who desires to go into the historical aspects of economics.

This semester five of the nine members of the Agricultural Economics Library Staff are taking Miss Hedrick's course in Library Science in the Department Library.

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News Letter

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March 28, 1923

The most outstanding piece of news which the Department Library has to present is that its new room downstairs has been cleared and furnished up so that it is available for use, and the books have begun to move into it. This movement will not cease, we suppose, until every book in the Library has been shifted from its present resting place. It is not that we love change for its own sake, but expansion is needed in so many different places for work space as well as shelving, that a general replanning was a necessity. The government documents are the first to go downstairs, and the Congressional set has already been placed. Those of you who have had occasion to use any of these volumes will be pleased to know that this set is now arranged in normal order and it will not be necessary to look along various rows of top shelves to find the desired volume.

Mr. Avery D. Weage, a graduate of the University of Washington and of the University of Washington Library School, has been appointed to the Department Library from the recent library assistant examination. He is expected next Monday.

Miss Hunt, Miss Bishop, and Miss Sutton, who have been taking Miss Hedrick's course in library work, passed successfully the library assistant examination recently given by the Civil Service Commission.

A letter from the Assistant Secretary to the chiefs of bureaus asks for suggestions as to changes in the plan of the Official Record, or opinions as to the desirability of continuing it. If any one has convictions in regard to this, Miss Barnett would be glad to know of them. The Library has greatly appreciated the opportunity afforded by the Official Record to publish a list of its accessions.

The Periodical Division is making a change in its procedure which may be of interest to the bureau libraries as well as to others of the main Library staff who have occasion to use the records of current numbers. With the object of saving time, the record of circulation to the first bureau or office on the list for each periodical is to be omitted. It will be assumed that the periodical is there if not charged to the next bureau on the list. If the journal goes only to one place, it will be assumed that it is in the bureau to which it goes first unless it is in the Library or charged as a "special". This will necessitate frequent inquiries perhaps but we hope that it will work out as a saving.

At one of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library staff luncheons, Miss Wilkins gave a talk on the changes being worked out in the procedure at the current entry desk of the Department Library, in order to

reduce the time and labor now expended in the circulation of periodicals. She also explained clearly and helpfully the itinerary of a serial, showing the various steps of its progress from the moment of its receipt in the Library until it is ready for circulation.

Miss Lacy, Librarian of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library, because of her membership on the Methods Committee of the Special Libraries Association, has been working on the tabulation of the Administrative Section of a questionnaire recently sent out by that Committee. The answers to between 11,000 and 12,000 questions were tabulated and some interesting deductions made possible. The results of the work of this Methods Committee will be included in its report to be presented at the meeting of the Association the latter part of May at Atlantic City.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library is looking forward with much pleasure to the expected addition to its staff of Miss Day, now in the Information Division of the Bureau. Miss Day has had a little library experience and a much fuller editorial experience. She is interested in library work and it is felt that her intimate knowledge of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, gained through her work on the Market Reporter and Weather, Crops and Markets, will be a valuable asset to the Bureau library.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library regrets to report the indefinite absence of Miss Reinke owing to the continued illness of her mother.

The Bureau of Public Roads Library has just received its vertical file cases for which it has been waiting a long time. There is not room for them in the Library, but they are accommodated just outside in the hall.

Orrena L. Evans,
Librarian, Bureau of Public Roads.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Library

News Letter

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April 25, 1923

When the library schools begin to visit our city we feel that it is one of the surest signs of spring. The New York State Library School visited the Department Library on April 12. This year there was a slight departure from the regular welcome given to them. They were conducted through the Library but there was not a detailed explanation of the routine of the different divisions and desks as was given in previous years.

On April 10 the cataloguers of this section of the country gave a banquet at the Grace Dodge Hotel. The Department of Agriculture was well represented by 10 or 12 of its staff. Miss Hedrick is the chairman of the Regional committee appointed at the American Library Association conference in Detroit. A very live and interesting meeting was the result of her efforts.

When we speak of the A. L. A. we think of Miss Hawks and Miss Lacy who are attending the A. L. A. meeting at Hot Springs, Arkansas. They will visit the Missouri Botanical Gardens, St. Louis, on their return. Miss Lacy will also visit the Legislative Reference Library, Madison, and the John Crerar and University of Chicago libraries at Chicago.

Miss Walton has been out several weeks on account of illness and will probably not be able to come back for some weeks longer.

Miss Kerr will be away for some weeks on account of the illness of her mother.

Mrs. Sullivan has been out for some days on account of illness.

Mr. Russell Smith is expected on May 1st. He will probably work in the Periodical Division of the main Library. He has had three years at the University of Minnesota but has had no library training.

During the week of April 16 Dr. William T. Foster, Director of the Pollak Foundation for Economic Research, gave a series of five lectures to the staff of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. His subject was "Currency and credit". The substance of his lectures is the foundation of his new book entitled "Money" which he said would be off the press in a few weeks. Miss Thompson has the order for this book on file and it will be purchased as soon as it is published.

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Smithsonian Institution

April 24, 1913

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From the Library of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., to the Library of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., April 24, 1913. This is one of the books in the collection of the Smithsonian Institution, which is now in the possession of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It is a book of the Smithsonian Institution, which is now in the possession of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It is a book of the Smithsonian Institution, which is now in the possession of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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Miss Adelaide Newman has been appointed for three months as library aid in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library. She has been a member of the student training class of the Public Library.

On April 10, the 3d number of the library supplement of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics News was issued. It contains "A selected reading list on agricultural economics". The supplement is written by Miss Lacy, Librarian of the B. A. E. library.

Miss Mable F. Reed has been appointed temporarily in the States Relations Service Library.

Mr. John R. Caspar, formerly typist in the States Relations Service Library, has been transferred to the Office of Accounts of the Service.

Notes from Plant Industry Library

The library of the Bureau of Plant Industry shows signs of progress in that the books which have for so long a time been kept in Room 127/128 West Wing have now been transferred to the Library, and as the platform and supply cases formerly supported by the stacks have been banished for the time being into the public corridor, this room has an appearance of spaciousness and convenience never before known in its history. Our comfort is likely to be but short-lived, however, as we are only marking time until we shall be turned out again for painting the room, and for many weeks to come we are likely to be in a more or less topsy turvy condition.

Meantime we were fearful lest the Efficiency Committee should try to accomodate a new bureau or commission in our vacant quarter-room; so we besought the Department Library to let us have Miss Colvin, who has heretofore been working in the Catalogue Division of the main Library, although she has latterly spent part of her time over here getting acquainted with our catalogues. Although she does not fill up all the space, she helps make the room less lonely while everyoneelse goes over to the main Library. Miss Allen has for a week or two spent most of her time there, checking over the Loan Desk charges in a final desperate effort to clear up possible confusions on transferring the last of the books formerly kept here. Miss Atwood, as usual, spends much of her time across the way. Miss Pendleton has for about a month been spending most of her time at the Periodical Desk. -- M. F. Warner.

Prepared by
Katharine Jacobs

U. S. Department of Agriculture Library

News Letter

Vol. 11, no. 5.

May 17, 1923.

Exhibits A, B, C, D, etc., of the Department Library are before you now whenever you enter, being the changes which have been made in the Reading Room and shelves. We hope that the appearance of the Library as well as its convenience, will be improved when all is done. Many exhibits - V, W, X, Y and Z - are still to come. Our books are, many of them, hard to find just at present, but the next week will probably see a great improvement in that respect.

We were very glad to welcome a few days ago, Miss Atwood and Miss Colvin from the Bureau of Plant Industry library to desks in the Department Library, and the botanical catalogues to positions near the present entrance to the Reading Room. We in the main Library are greatly pleased over the acquisition and hope to make it so pleasant for the people and the catalogue that they will be glad they came. The books from the Plant Industry library are practically all here now, although not yet in their places.

The Department Library has been having a severe visitation of illnesses. Miss Walton has been away for about six weeks and Mrs. Sullivan for a month. Miss Potter is obliged to have an operation for appendicitis and has just left to go to her home. Miss Kerr, who went home on account of her mother's illness, has found that she must stay for the present at least, and has resigned, although we hope that she may later be reinstated.

Miss Barnett has been attending many meetings lately of the Committee of the D. C. Library Association having in charge the work on reclassification of library positions, of which committee she is chairman. These matters and the press of work at the Library make it impossible for her to attend the Special Libraries Association annual conference at Atlantic City next week, as she had intended.

The class in library science celebrated the completion of the eight weeks' course in Reference and Bibliographical work with an examination held in true Civil Service form at half past four, May 15th. Miss Hedrick has not yet released the grades, which are based on the term's work, together with the examination.

Miss Virginia Snodgrass, who was in the Library for several years as clerk and stenographer, and was transferred to the Press Service with the Daily Digest work, has been obliged to resign from the Department on account of her health and is going to Oregon where her father lives.

The beautiful flowers which you may observe in the Library from time to time, are not from the Department greenhouses, although we believe that some well might come from that source, but usually from the private estates of the Misses Thompson in Laurel, whence they are transported by train and street car to ornament the Library.

Bureau of Agric.Economics Library.

Through the kindness of the persons in charge of the Legislative Reference Library at Madison, Wisconsin, Miss Lacy was enabled to bring back with her digests and abstracts pertaining to state legislation which is of interest to the Department and to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Miss Lacy was also able to obtain a number of interesting bibliographies.

Miss Day has been away for several days on account of illness.

Miss Newman and Miss Day have been spending a portion of each day working on the index to the Daily Digest. The index is practically up to date and is ready for consultation at any time.

S. R. S. Library

Miss Gericke will attend the meetings of the Special Libraries Association next week at Atlantic City.

Bureau of Plant Industry Library

The Bureau of Plant Industry library is rejoicing in fresh paint and new linoleum in Room 127/128, but otherwise does not present an appearance at all festive. We are lamenting the departure of Miss Atwood and Miss Colvin, with the catalogs, which have just been installed in the main Library within the past few days. Their going leaves a large vacancy in many ways, but we are all hoping it will be for the improvement of library service in the long run. Our quarters in the West Wing, moreover, are continuing in a disordered condition, pending a proposed transfer of part of our work from upstairs downstairs, and another part from downstairs upstairs. We are, however, after more than a year of unsettled conditions, beginning to look forward to a somewhat more permanent arrangement of space by the first of July.

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News Letter

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June 21, 1923.

The Secretary has authorized Miss Barnett to make an official trip to Europe this summer. The purpose of her trip will be to establish better contacts with foreign book dealers, to arrange exchanges, to take advantage of the unusual opportunities which are said to exist for the purchase of books in Germany and Austria, and to visit some of the important agricultural libraries such as those connected with the Agricultural University at Wageningen, Holland, the Danish Agricultural and Veterinary High School at Copenhagen, and the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome. Miss Barnett will probably leave the last week in July and return the early part or the middle of October.

It is regretted that Miss Hedrick, Reference Librarian in the Department Library, has been obliged, for personal reasons, to give up her position in the Library. It may be possible for her to return next Fall to complete some special work of the bibliography of agricultural history. No definite decision has been reached as yet in regard to continuing the courses in library science next Fall. A good deal will depend on the number who express an interest in having them continued. Miss Barnett will be glad to hear from some members of the staff who are interested.

We are sorry to report that Miss Needham has decided to leave the Library in order to take the position of bursar at the National Cathedral School for Girls. She expects to leave about the middle of August.

We are fortunate in having to help us out temporarily during the summer, Miss E. L. Ogden, formerly librarian of the States Relations Service. Miss Ogden is doing the reference work.

Miss Walton, who has been ill for several months, we are very glad to have back with us again.

Mr. Edmond L. Bemis, who has been assistant in binding, has resigned to take a voyage as third officer on a ship going to Tampico, Mexico, back to Fall River, and through the Panama Canal to the Pacific Coast. He may possibly return to the Library later.

Mrs. Mamie Nystrom has been appointed as temporary assistant and is working in the Periodical Division. Her husband has recently been appointed as Editor in the Dairy Division, Bureau of Animal Industry.

At the meeting of the Agricultural Libraries Section of the American Library Association at Hot Springs, a resolution was passed asking the Secretary of Agriculture to send, if possible, the Librarian of the Depart-

ment or some representative, to the meeting of the Agricultural Editors' Association at New Brunswick, New Jersey, the last of June, to express the views of the section on the subject of standardizing the form of agricultural publications, such as bulletins. Miss Barnett is unable to go, but fortunately Miss Caroline Sherman can do so and is to be the representative.

The Department Library, as is quite evident to any visitor, is being painted. While the changes in the shelving are not yet completed, the Reading Room is practically settled except for the reference books which are to be on the shelves around the room. Most people seem to like the changes and think that it makes the library a pleasanter working place.

Miss Fanny Parker, who was head of the Binding Division for several years; has been in Washington for a week, and has been a visitor at the Library.

Miss Mabel Colcord, Librarian of the Bureau of Entomology, left on Friday, June 15th, for two weeks' vacation.

Bureau of Plant Industry Library

This library is still in an unsettled condition. Since the books, catalogue and catalogue workers moved to the main Library we have enjoyed for a few weeks the sensation of having more than ample space. This pleasure, however, is a fleeting one, as about July 1st we give up one of our large rooms, and will be located thereafter in one full size room on the first floor of the West Wing and one half-room on the second floor. We are planning to use the half-room for periodical work.

Miss Warner left us on June 13th to attend her brother's wedding, after which she joined her mother and father at Lyme, Connecticut, and with them expects to spend the summer near Groton, New Hampshire. Miss Warner is taking an indefinite leave of absence in order to be with her parents. She has resigned her position as librarian but is retained on the rolls as reference research assistant, in which position she feels that she can do her best work. Her going is a great loss not only to the bureau library but to the main Library as well. Probably no one has the knowledge of botanical and the older horticultural literature which she possesses, and she combines with a scholarly mind keen imagination, which makes an ideal combination for research. We are missing her personally as well as in the work, and are only reconciled to her going by the expectation of her return.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library

Miss Emily Day, who was called hom to Buffalo on account of the death of her father, is taking her annual leave at this time. It is not known just when she will return.

Miss Newman, who was appointed as Library Aid for three months, will leave us on July 5th.

Miss Sutton has just returned from Richmond, Indiana, where she attended the graduation exercises of Earlham College.

Miss Minna Gill of the Coal Commission has been appointed to a position in the library. She will report for duty on Monday, June 25th.

Bibliographical Contribution No. 5 of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Library has just been issued. It is entitled "Index to some sources of current prices" and was compiled by Mrs. Shively.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Library

News Letter

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October 30, 1923

The Department Library has no important happenings to report during the summer except the European trip, beginning August 1st, of Miss Barnett and Miss Wilkins, about which we are to hear today. Miss Wilkins was unfortunately called home by the illness of her sister and sailed from France on September 6, after which Miss Barnett continued the journey alone, reaching home October 15. Miss Wilkins returned to the Library at the end of last week, her sister not being able before that time to make the trip from Maine to Washington.

There is still much work to be done in the library in connection with the rearrangement of the shelves. Our popularity will again be on the wane with our patrons while they are getting accustomed to new placed on the shelves for their old favorites. During Miss Barnett's absence this work was unfortunately almost untouched.

The Department Library has met with several losses from its staff during the summer, which are much regretted. Besides Miss Needham, whose approaching departure was mentioned in our last News Letter, we have lost the following: Miss Mabel Hunt, who had been for two years in the Periodical Division of the Library and was transferred this summer to the Press Service; Miss Elizabeth C. Walton, who had been in the Library for four years, latterly in charge of the current entry desk, has been transferred to Dr. Cobb's office, Bureau of Plant Industry, as junior nematologist; Linwood Phillips, a messenger in the Library for four years, who has gone to the Government Printing Office to learn the printers' trade.

New appointments are Miss Hallie I. Shearer, a graduate of the New York State Library School, and Miss Elizabeth D. Meriwether, a graduate of the Chautauqua School, both of whom are in the Catalogue Division; Miss Ammie A. Bacon, who has had training and several years' experience in the Public Library and who is at present assisting Miss Hopper in the binding; Miss I. Jewell Sager, who takes Miss Needham's place as stenographer in the Periodical Division. Mr. E. F. Bemis, who had been in the library as a library aid last spring, returned this fall for a month but has now left for a position in the Navy Department. Miss Esther M. Swain is a temporary appointee in the Periodical Division. Other temporary assistants during the summer, who have now left, were Mr. John F. Edmunds and Miss Florence King.

Mrs. Nystrom is in charge of the current entry desk in place of Miss Walton.

Since Miss Ogden's departure from the Library early in September the Bureau of Plant Industry library has been kind enough to lend us Miss Martha A. Sherman who occupies Miss Hawks' former desk at the west end of the Library. It is a great help to have some one there to see that the telephone and inquirers do not go unanswered when the reference librarian is absent.

Miss Marguerite V. Doggett, recently appointed reference librarian at Clemson College, South Carolina, is working for a few weeks in the Department Library for the benefit of the experience. Before coming to Washington she had been spending a week in New York visiting libraries.

The Library Class has again begun under Miss Hedrick. Besides the beginners' class of about nine, there is an advanced class of about four or five, meeting once a week only. The class is held in the Reading Room of the Library. In addition to those to be mentioned later, the advanced class contains the following members from the Department of Agriculture: Mrs. Nystrom, Department Library, Miss Severance, Bureau of Animal Industry Library, and Miss Hull, Office of Experiment Stations.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

Since the last staff meeting, five members have been added to the staff of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics library, three of whom have temporary appointments and two permanent. Miss Gill has been assigned to the periodical desk, being assisted by Miss Darwin, Miss Johnson, and Miss Griggs. Mrs. Bullock is assisting Miss Jacobs with the cataloguing.

The Bureau has a representation of five of its members in the Library science course being given by Miss Hedrick in the Department Library. There is one member, Miss Muriel Wright, from the Mails and Files division of the bureau and four from the bureau library, as follows: Miss Day, Miss Gill, Miss Darwin, and Miss Johnson. In the advanced course the bureau is represented by Miss Ham.

Miss Carpenter, who has charge of the loan desk, took a six weeks' course at Columbia University this summer. She is now taking a course in German at George Washington University. During Miss Carpenter's absence this summer, Mrs. Shively, who resigned from the bureau library a year ago, came back and took her place. Mrs. Shively is now employed at the Pittsburgh Public Library.

Office of Experiment Stations Library

The library of the States Relations Service became officially known as the library of the Office of Experiment Stations on July 1, 1923. The functions of the library continue to be the same, serving the library needs of both the Office of Experiment Stations and the Office of Extension Work.

A number of changes have taken place on the staff. Miss Ethel Lacy has resigned to accept a position in the Detroit Public Library. Miss Cora Feldkamp, Reference Librarian of the Michigan Agricultural College, and Miss Harriet B. Hull, formerly of the Office of Home Economics, have become members of the library staff.

The 1922/23 edition of "A classified list of projects carried on by the Agricultural Experiment Stations," has been issued by Dr. Flint's office. Considerable progress has been made by Miss Frances Bartholow on

the revision of the "List of abbreviations employed in Experiment Station Record for titles of periodicals." This list will, however, not be ready for distribution for some months. The preparation of a combined index to the Experiment Station Record for volumes 26-40 is under discussion. The list of bulletins of Agricultural Experiment Stations in the United States from their establishment to the end of 1920 is now in press and will perhaps be ready in about four or five months. The list will be issued as U.S.D.A. Bulletin 1199 and only a very limited edition will be printed. It is hoped to issue periodic supplements to this list and Miss Pennington is devoting a large share of her time to this work.

Bureau of Plant Industry Library

As was announced at the last staff meeting in June, Miss Warner left Washington early in that month, her resignation as librarian being effective June 30, 1923. She has been in Connecticut and New Hampshire during the summer, in constant attendance upon her mother who is in poor health. The latest word from Miss Warner was from Asheville, N.C., where she and her family were located temporarily, before going farther south for the winter.

Miss Allen was appointed librarian, effective July 16th. The changes and moves incident to the reorganization of the library are practically completed, and for the first time in about eighteen months we can say we are permanently located, occupying Rooms 127-129 West Wing. Miss Atwood and Miss Colvin are at the main Library since the Bureau catalogs have been located there, and

The Bureau library retains a small collection of reference books, a full set of bureau publications and of some other departmental series, also a fairly complete set of state experiment station publications on plant pathology. A catalog of publications by bureau authors is maintained. The periodical circulation, bureau mailing lists, and the editing and verifying of citations to literature in bureau publications and the Journal of Agricultural Research are activities which take much of the time of the present staff.

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There have been as usual some changes in the staff of the Department Library, but fortunately these have been additions and not subtractions this time. Mr. J. T. Patterson has recently been appointed as a temporary assistant and is helping in the Periodical Division, doing there the work formerly done by Mr. Earl Smallwood who is replacing Mr. Bemis in the Bindery Division. Mr. Patterson was in the Library for a short time a year or two ago, and has recently been in the Reading Room of the Library of Congress.

Mrs. Dorothy J. Wilks and Miss Martha Reardon have recently been appointed. Mrs. Wilks is a graduate of Simmons College and is working in the Catalogue Division. Miss Reardon is in the Periodical Division. We have also a new messenger boy, William Ten Eyck.

The last empty space in the basement (with the exception of the vault) has just been filled with shelving and we are now ready for more shifting of books to fill it up. There will be plenty of such work for some time to come.

There has been some rearrangement of the work by which Mrs. Sullivan is now working in the Periodical Division, Mrs. Joseph is taking her place at the Loan Desk, and Miss Potter is taking Mrs. Joseph's former work.

This is the time of year when every one is wishing to take a few days or weeks of annual leave and it is necessary to do some brain work to plan how the work will go on without serious interruption between now and January 1st. Fortunately, there are a few who will stay by the ship.

The bid for American periodicals has been awarded this year to Herman Goldberger. We are sorry to have to change agents especially as the F.H. Faxon Company who supplied us last year, was very satisfactory, since he pays special attention to library needs in the way of title-pages, indexes, etc.

Bureau of Plant Industry

After the loan desk work of this Library was taken over by the main Library, a number of charges were found still standing against the bureau library of which we had no record. No inventory had been taken by the bureau library for six or seven years, and it seemed necessary in order to clear our record so far as possible. The checking of the offices of the bureau has been recently completed. This was done in a minimum of time in the preliminary stages, by recording the call number, date and accession number with name of person in whose room book was located. The checking with the main Library charges was done by Miss Sherman. If not all books recorded on the personal cards were located a list was sent the borrower and he was asked to search for them. A number of lost books have been found, charges changed, and it is felt by the main Library as well as by the bureau library that the work has been well worth while.

Miss Allen and Miss Pendleton are leaving this week for vacation trips, to be away over the holidays. Miss Allen will be with members of her family in Cleveland, Ohio, and Miss Pendleton at her home in Spartanburg, S.C.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

The Library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics announces the issuance of Library Supplement No. 6 to the Bureau News. It relates chiefly to agricultural legislation.

An annotated bibliography of twenty-two typewritten pages on the World Food Supply has been compiled by Miss Margaret Olcott.

Bureau of Chemistry

The many friends of Mrs. Anne Draper Noble, will be glad to hear that she has passed the critical stage of her illness and is now on the road to recovery. Mrs. Noble came to Washington over five weeks ago to visit her sister. She contracted pneumonia soon after her arrival and has been dangerously ill for some time. For the information of the newcomers in the library ranks, we should say that Mrs. Noble was for many years librarian of the Bureau of Chemistry.

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